

To the Members of the California State Legislature:

I am returning AB 2476 and SB 86 without my signature.

I strongly support the authors' goals of ensuring the protection of the agricultural, wildlife, and recreational resources of the Delta. However, I believe that the protection of these important natural resources warrants a comprehensive and coordinated approach. In order to achieve a meaningful solution to the future protection of the Delta, we must build upon existing programs and funding sources, not develop new ones.

In February 2004, the Resources Agency submitted a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Neither of these bills comprehensively address the solutions contained in the report. They also fail to recognize and propose coordination with other habitat and conservation programs that are ongoing in the Delta.

For these reasons I am unable to sign these measures.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger